

Vocal Village



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<http://www.vocalvillage.net/>

Vocal Village is a spatialized audio conferencing application run over the internet (IP). In a real conference, different participants are located at different positions, and thus, the participants sound like they are coming from different locations. Vocal Village mimics this effect and 'seats' different participants into different positions around a virtual conferencing table.

Benefits of using Vocal Village:

- Conference participants can call in remotely from different locations.
- Save on long distance conferencing costs.
- Spatialized speech make conversations more easily understood.
- Breakout ability (create a side conversation)

Benefits to spatialized audio:

- Enhances ability to distinguish between speakers
- Increases speech intelligibility
- Allowance of simultaneous conversations
- Greater tolerance of noise (unwanted sounds)
- Gives a greater sense of presence

Currently, Vocal Village has been used in Hong Kong, Japan, the continental United States, as well as other locations within Canada. The number of participants involved in conferences has ranged from 2 individuals to maximum of 10. The number of users is limited only by the amount of available bandwidth.

Features:

- ✓ Breakouts – Side Conversations
 - Allows you to have a side conversation without disturbing others.
 - The ability to monitor the main conference, while discussing a side topic.
- ✓ Conference Password Protection
 - Better control of who has access to conference.
 - Keep private conferences private.
- ✓ Text Messaging
 - Easily distribute text information (websites, addresses, etc.) to Conference participants.
 - Send secure and private messages to other members in the conference.
- ✓ Conference Visualization
 - View spatial layout of participants.
 - Move participants around virtual conference table with slider.
 - Ability to adjust the volume level of each participant.
- ✓ Additional Features
 - Evenly Distribute Participants
 - With a touch of a button, 'seat' each participant an equal distance apart around the virtual conference table.
 - Auto Silence
 - Automatically mutes your microphone when you are not speaking. This reduces background noise.
 - Self Mute
 - Mute yourself completely, and prevent yourself from transmitting over Vocal Village.

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Auto Distribute
Evenly distribute participants without always having to click button.

Auto Silence
Reduces unwanted background noise from being broadcasted over Vocal Village by muting your microphone when you are not speaking.

Self Mute

Breakout List
The list of breakouts that are currently in progress.

Status Bar

Evenly Distribute Participants
With a touch of a button you can space every participant equally around the conference table.

Voice Level

Text Messaging Interface
Easily distribute text information, like websites, addresses, etc.

Volume Bar
Adjust the volume level of each participant separately, by clicking above or below current position.

Participant List
Double-Click user to send a private message

Conference Window Details:
Title: 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Host: Ryan
Options: Auto Distribute, Auto Silence, Self Mute
Breakouts: Anna's breakout
Start New Breakout
Logged in as: Ryan
Message: Tell me what you think of the new website.
Participants: Anna, Erika, Jill, Holly
Connected For: 20:20

Vocal Village System Requirements:

- Windows 2000, XP
- 500 MHz CPU
- 32 MB of RAM
- 5 MB of available hard disk space
- Stereo Headset and microphone
- Broadband internet connection (cable, DSL, etc.)

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